

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated April 25, 2007.

Applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and remarks.

As a result of the present Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-19, and 21-22 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 4 and 20 have been canceled.

The specification and claim 8 have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

It is gratefully acknowledged that claims 7-15 have been allowed and that claims 4-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Further, it is also gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner indicated during a telephonic communication on May 15, 2007, that claims 20-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-3 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0064758 (Mizuta). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4, indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 20, indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0064758 (Mizuta). Reconsideration is requested. Amended claim 16 recites a wiring method for wiring a flexible printed cable between an upper unit and a lower unit of a folding portable device comprising, *inter alia*, "fixing a predetermined part of said flexible printed cable that lies between the first and second winding parts to said hinge unit using a cable fixing portion suitable for attachment to the hinge unit." Mizuta teaches a biaxial hinge (300) and winding an FPC around both rotation axes of the hinge (300) (e.g., see, Mizuta, paragraphs 74, 77, and 90). However, Mizuta is silent on "fixing a predetermined part of said flexible printed cable that lies between the first and second winding parts to said hinge unit using a cable fixing

portion suitable for attachment to the hinge unit,” as required by amended claim 16.

Reconsideration is requested.

Each of claims 2-3 and 18-19 depends from claims 1 and 17, respectively, and includes the respective limitations of claims 1 and 17. Each of claims 2-3 and 18-19 includes other limitations which in combination with those of its respective base claim are not shown or suggested by the art of record. Reconsideration is requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

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